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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: WESTERN HEMISPHERE: VENEZUELA, CHAVEZ'S  
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#### The Militarization of Venezuela

Center-right O Estado de S.Paulo editorialized (10/15):  
"[Venezuelan] opposition parties have started organizing a  
parliamentary resistance against Chavez' machinations such as  
indefinite reelection, destruction of the federative regime...and  
the end of private property.... Chavez accuses these parties and  
their leaders of being traitors of the nation, servants of the  
oligarchy and CIA agents.... Some time ago...[Chavez] adopted  
nazi-fascist methods...he took the pledge of allegiance from the  
party's committee that will organize a referendum...on the new  
constitution...he heard the pledge of 14 thousand "soldiers"...who  
will be responsible for "convincing" Venezuelans that the socialism  
of the 21st century will be Paradise on Earth. Chavez is also  
organizing "troops of support" and "troops of rear-guards"... Chavez  
is putting together as well the National Bolivarian Militia with a  
structure that is parallel to the Armed Forces with the obvious goal  
of defending the interests of the United Socialist Party of  
Venezuela and its supreme leader, not those of the State. Any  
similarity to the nazi SS will not be a mere coincidence.... This is  
the regime President Lula wants as a partner of Mercosul."  
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